

middle school

Middle School Weekly

IN THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

- We are going <u>online this weekend at 11am</u> on Sunday for a special Middle School Youth Group! Details below!
- We are starting a new <u>40-day Bible Challenge</u> with all of our 5th-12th graders!
- This Sunday our <u>Silent Auction ends at 5pm!</u>
- We have some resources included in this newsletter for your family in this difficult season.
- If your family is struggling in ANY way -- don't hesitate a SECOND to reach out to me! Additionally, you should get a call from one of our St. Luke's staff over the next week!

THIS SUNDAY: E-Church!

SUNDAY MORNING: E-CHURCH AT 11AM

We are starting a new series for all of 5th through 8th grade! **This Sunday we will stream LIVE at 11am.** Our Live Stream will include a game, a time of prayer, a message, and time in Small Groups.

We will utilize the platform ZOOM. It is important to download this platform onto your phone/computer/tablet. Then, a few minutes before 11am, help your student click this link: https://zoom.us/j/982701416

If your student is unable to join us, then you can watch the video and participate in the Discussion Guide from home!

- Click HERE for the video, that you can watch together!
- Click **HERE** for the discussion guide that you can use to debrief.
- Click **HERE** for a worship playlist of all our favorite songs!

If your child is in Confirmation, we encourage them to join us and will be taking attendance!

40-DAY BIBLE CHALLENGE: STARTS MONDAY!

We know that students will be cooped up for at least the next month, maybe more. We think this is an awesome time for them to learn to read the Bible for their own!

That's why we've created this 40-day BIBLE CHALLENGE! **We challenge all of our 5th-12th graders to read the New Testament in 40 (technically 46) days.** They will get an AMAZING prize at the end of this challenge, should they complete it!

Click this link to sign up for the challenge! http://bit.ly/stlukesbiblechallenge

** If you do not want to use the Bible App, then you can follow along from your physical Bible. Just email me to let me know that your child has finished!

PARENT RESOURCES

DISCUSSING COVID-19 WITH YOUR STUDENT

- Read this great article on managing fear and anxiety with children and youth.
- Read this <u>article from the CDC</u> on managing mental health for the whole family this season.

FAMILY RESOURCES

- If your family is in need of any kind of help, you can find the answers on this page.
- Check out this article, full of links and videos, on homeschooling your kids.
- Bored yet? This endless list of ideas honors social distancing!

FAITH-BUILDING GAMES FOR THE FAMILY!

- <u>Try this Bible Trivia app!</u> A great activity for students to play on their own, or as a family!
- Play <u>Bible Jeopardy!</u> You can hook a laptop to a TV, and actually have everyone "buzz in" on devices, but there's also an option for using just one screen!
- Bible **Game Night!** Charades, Pictionary, you name it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are still figuring a few things out, and appreciate your patience as we reconfigure our calendar. We hope to bring you some fun ways to serve as a family, soon!

Until then, <u>click here to view our Middle School Page on the website</u>, up-to-date (best we can) with our events!

CONTACT US

DID YOU KNOW that saying the Lord's Prayer is equivalent to how long it should take to wash your hands? Sounds like a perfect time to teach an important spiritual practice.

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